

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.2282

Title: An Act providing for safe subdivision ways

Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Honan

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: July 22, 2025

Prior History: Refile of H.2065 (Study Order H.4573)

Current Law: Chapter 41 Section 81M of MGL states the purpose of law of the subdivision control law including but not limited to the protection, safety, convenience, and welfare of the inhabitants in the cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Chapter 41 Section 81Q of MGL states the law relative to the adoption of rules and regulations by municipal planning boards.

Summary: Section 1 adds language to Chapter 41, Section 81Q as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the MGL. The language reduces the length limit of dead-end ways, to a minimum pavement width of 20 feet and a turnaround to less than 1,200 feet or as specified by the State Fire Code (whichever is shorter).

Section 2 states that any existing rule or regulation under subdivision control law shall comply with this act by January 31, 2026 and until such a time be waived by the planning board.